

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse.

At item 7, Subgroup 1 of the Office Action, Applicant elects forty-eight 7cm x 11cm polyethylene pouches having a wall thickness of 150 $\mu$ m as the array of sealed flexible polymeric pouches.

At item 7, Subgroup 2, Applicant elects 2-ethylhexyl acrylate as a first reactant and acrylic acid as a second reactant.

At item 7, Subgroup 3, Applicant elects radiant energy as the reaction zone.

At item 7, Subgroup 4, Applicant elects gel permeation chromatography as the analysis.

At item 7, Subgroup 5, Applicant elects 90/10 as a volume ratio of a first reactant to a second reactant.

At item 7, Subgroup 6, Applicant elects 2-ethylhexyl acrylate/acrylic acid copolymers as a species of product produced. The copolymers are produced by a free radical polymerization process.

At item 9 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6-20, and 22 are identified as readable on the elected species.

Conclusion

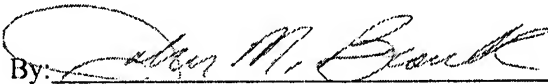
Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. If any issues or questions remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference with the Applicant's agent, he/she is invited to contact the agent at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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